

REMARKS

Claims 15 and 17–38 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 15 and 24 are amended, and claim 16 is canceled. No new matter is added.

In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

I. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

The Office Action rejects claim 15 as being indefinite under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. By this Amendment, claim 15 is amended to obviate the rejection. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are requested.

II. Enablement Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

The Office Action rejects claims 15–38 under the enablement requirement of 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. By this Amendment, claim 16 is canceled, rendering its rejection moot. As to the remaining claims, Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

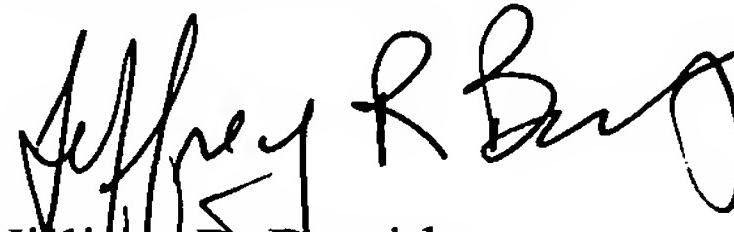
In response to the bases of the rejection set forth in the Office Action, claim 15 is amended to recite, "A method of treating schizophrenia in a human patient, comprising administering to the patient a therapeutic effective amount of an epothilone or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof." Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are requested.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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